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ROBERT A. MILLIKAN, professor of physics at the University of Chicago, has been appointed director of the Norman Bridge Laboratory of Physics at the California Institute of Technology and chairman of the executive council of the institute. Dr. Millikan has for a number of years spent the winter term at the institute, but he will now give his whole time to it, beginning in October, when the new physical laboratory will be ready for occupancy.

Dr. Millikan will devote himself mainly to the development at the institute of a large and effective research laboratory of physics. The trustees, though prepared to appoint him president, were appreciative of his desire not to be burdened with the administrative duties which are usually attached to that office, and have created a new administrative board, to be called the executive council, which will combine the usual functions of the president and the executive committee of the board of trustees. This executive council will consist of six members, three from the board of trustees and three from the faculty, as follows: Robert A. Millikan, chairman; from the trustees, Arthur H. Fleming, president of the board; Henry M. Robinson, first vice-president of the board, president of the First National Bank of Los Angeles; and George E. Hale, director of the Mt. Wilson Observatory; from the faculty, in addition to Dr. Millikan, Arthur A. Noyes, director of the Gates Chemical Laboratory, and Edward C. Barrett, secretary of the institute.

Liberal provision, made possible by large gifts to the institute, has been made for the physical laboratory, for which an annual appropriation of \$95,000 has been guaranteed. These funds will enable a large staff of able investigators and teachers and an unusually

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